FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Actuarial Valuation of the Funds of the Public Branch.

READ—

Letter No. 15506, dated the 2nd February 1929, from the Secretary, Life Insurance Committee, requesting sanction (1) to the sub-joined Resolution No. V, passed by the Committee at its meeting held on the 26th January 1929 in regard to the valuation of the Public Branch Funds being conducted in future once in three years instead of once in five years as at present and (ii) to the consequention amendment of Rule 24 of the Public Branch Rules by substituting "three" for "five" occurring in the first sentence of the above rule.

Resolution No. V, dated 26th January 1929.

"Resolved that the existing rates may be allowed to stand till the next Actuarial Valuation which may, however, be arranged to be made once in three years instead of once in five years in the Public Branch, the next valuation being done according to this arrangement for the period of three years ending June 1931."

ORDER NO. FL. 6303-5—G. F. 30-28, DATED 18TH FEBRUARY 1929.

Sanctioned.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Financial Secretary to Government.

Revision of the clerical and menial staff of the Office of the Excise Commissioner in Mysore.

READ—

Letter No. B1-485—28-29, dated the 22nd September 1928, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding, duly verified by the Comptroller, a proposition statement, in duplicate, for the revision of the clerical and menial establishments of his office.

" Adverting to your letter No. Fl. 6383, dated 6th February 1928, calling for revised proposals regarding the revision of the scale of pay of my Office Establishment, I have the honour to forward herewith, in duplicate, a revised proposition statement showing the present and proposed scale of pay of both ministerial and menial establishment of my office.

2. In revising the scale, I have carefully considered the suggestion of the Inspector of Office Systems to retrench the existing establishment by four hands in order to provide for the improvement of the pay and prospects of the officials. I find, however, that there is not much scope for effecting any large retrenchment as already expressed by Mr. B. Ramaswamaiya in para 8 of his letter No. C. 207—26, dated 17th February 1927, in view of the volume of work dealt with in this office. Having regard, however, to the immediate need for the improvement of the pay and prospects of the officials to secure efficiency in work, I have proposed the retrenchment of two hands to minimise extra expenditure. I enclose a revised statement showing the distribution of work among the several officials of the office including a Steno-typist and I think that the work allotted to each is more than sufficient for him and that it will not be possible to retrench any further without prejudice to efficient work.

3. The proposed scale of pay of clerks (except the Manager) corresponds to the revised scale sanctioned for the Revenue Commissioner's Office. The pay of the Manager has slightly been increased from 100—10—150 to 125—10—175. The increase proposed does not appear to be much considering the responsible work that has to be attended to by him and the scale of pay prevailing in the offices of the Revenue Commissioner and the Comptroller to Government. Another reason for proposing this increase is to make this appointment attractive to smart and experienced Inspectors whenever there is a vacancy.

4. The case of menial establishment also deserves sympathetic consideration and I have proposed a small increase to the menial establishment in view of the increased price of food grains and high cost of living in the City of Bangalore.

5. The proposal involves an extra expenditure of Rs. 2,184 per annum. I request that Government may be pleased to sanction these proposals. The extra expenditure during the current year will be met by re-appropriation of the sanctioned grants.

6. A copy of the proposition statement has also been sent through the Comptroller for verification and submission to Government. "